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# The Class Fight

BY A. T. HARVEY  
LEWISTOWN, MONT.

Kelly and Stoudt, late of the Argus, are wondering where they are at since Johns won the fight for control of the Democrat.

Sweet visions of large donations gladly given by the rich to democratic and republican papers have vanished, and all that now remains for them is to hunt another master. The manager of the Argus becomes almost eloquent denouncing the temerity of those wage slaves in attempting to engage in the newspaper business. Their action is absolutely incomprehensible to his loyal, slavish soul, and his feelings prompted him to desperate action, but the savage and combative manner with which Kelly threw off his apron proved too much for his aesthetic soul. Fergus county democracy can now quit fighting about the paper, as Johns will run it and handle any boodle that may be sent down to help keep the people ignorant of the class struggle; after election the owners can probably have the plant, but until then Johns is boss.

Republican ring politicians are seeking lambs for slaughter and incidentally add strength to their ticket by nominating one or two men who are supposed to be opposed to their control of the party. This is an old trick, but it pleases the suckers as well today as it did years ago, when old democrats were elected although the county was republican by several hundred; remarkable to relate, the democrat elected was always for an office sought by a non-ring republican candidate. It is probable that some unsophisticated aspirant for political preferment will accept such a nomination and afford the ring the glorious sport of jobbing him to death with democratic ballots.

Sad is the fate of the local Heinzeites, and salt are the tears that fall for the loss of the promised barrel. To think that their chief, hero and god should forsake them, and because there was dollars in it, make friends with the Amalgamated, perish the thought, it cannot be; Heinze, labor's champion, who gave the workers beer out of the millions their labor produced, while the Amalgamated only gave bread, he could not desert them; but the hard, cold fact remains, the copper war is over and the state will probably be swung in the republican column this fall.

To pile insult on injury, Heinze has declared Lawson mad because he is exposing the crimes of the copper kings in Everybody's Magazine. Montana's labor fakirs hope that some of the barrel may be distributed amongst them, and the wail they send up is greater than that of Israel in the wilderness, when they think of having to vote without pay.

Combine with Rockefeller if you must, Heinze, but the barrel, oh! the barrel, turn it loose!

As an example of the workings of the Dick military law, the case of Private James Carroll of Rochester, N. Y., is interesting. He failed to appear for drill and was dragged from a ball room by some of his militia comrades and rushed at the double quick to the armory for drill and court martial. Sympathy would be wasted on the men who deliberately join the so-called national guard, an organization that long ago ceased to be soldiers for the defense of the people, and degenerated into an armed organization used by the rich in troubles arising from the robbing of labor by the capitalist class; but there are thousands of

members of this militia who did not understand that they were to be used as murderers of their own class, when they joined, and to whom the idea of butchering workers for the benefit of Rockefeller & Co. is repulsive; to such this little incident will be of service, as illustrating how their masters love them.

The influence of the middle class in the nation's politics is gone, and the late democratic convention proves it beyond a doubt. All students of economics know that the small capitalist must go down before the competition of the trust, and bound by the laws of evolution, which rules both, the trust and them, disappear. Political parties give expression to the necessities of a section of the people; democracy in the past represented the desires of the middle class; that class is going, and democracy is dying, and the small capitalist has lost control of the party organization. Instead of Bryan, the millionaire Belmont dictates, while Trust King Tuffy and Copper King Clark smile approval. Hearst, who hoped for reform under democratic guidance, is crushed, and Parker, the tool of the capitalists, is the candidate.

Whoop'er up for Teddy or Parker, workers, whichever of them wins, you lose.

Every period of industrial depression is marked by a great increase in crime. The papers are recording long lists of holdups, train robberies and similar crimes, of which Montana is getting its share.

From all over the land we hear accounts of reductions of wages, discharge of workmen, suicides from want, and murders to prevent starvation by those driven insane by trouble, who prefer to kill the loved ones than see them slowly starve to death. Yet the old party press tells us the country is prosperous, and that it is wicked to work for Socialism, that will abolish poverty. We are also gravely informed there are two jobs for every man, but the contest for twenty positions in the civil service of New York throws back the falsehood in their teeth; and the experience of every man who has hunted work in America proves it to be a black, unvarnished lie. For the twenty vacancies in the civil service two thousand one hundred applicants competed, or one hundred and five for each job.

# A Socialist View of The Colorado Trouble

What's the use of all this talk about Colorado?

The Socialist press is making a fool of itself.

If Murder Bell and Assassination Peabody were to run for office tomorrow on the democrat, republican, prohibition, yes, even on the Socialist ticket, every mother's son of those miners who have been pierced with bayonets, driven out of their homes, tied to trees, put into rotten bull pens and starved, dragged by the necks with ropes until half dead, their wives ravished by the damnable criminals belonging to the gatling gun brigade, and state and company's a bs and cs, (and Faribault has one of those cursed man, woman and child murder companies) would run at a 2:40 clip to vote for both Bell and Peabody, so advised by John Mitchell, Gompers—"because they can get all their demands through their unions," and Rockefeller tells them the same thing and they vote 'er again.

They did so at Denver less than two months ago. When men voluntarily vote for these dreadful crimes and murders to be perpetrated upon them and their families, and vote it over and over and over, what sympathy do they need?

These men must be voting for the things and men they want for some years to come, else they would vote for a change.

Have not our speakers and the Socialist party in general been insulted by the miners, and too, after we have helped them with thousands of dollars? Then what did they do? Turn right around and vote almost solid against the party that helped them and sympathized with them, and voted solidly for the very sheriffs, detectives and militia officers who shot down their wives and children and burned their homes, and the same mayors, governors, congressmen and president who issued the orders to "kill every mother's son of them," and who helped them—well, not financially. It doesn't seem to me, dear comrades, that the miners want our sympathy; and if not, why force it upon them?

And, moreover, it is not sympathy that will help them, but the education of Socialism.

When the miners of Colorado get enough of Peabody, Bell, the gang of daylight and midnight assassins and nihilists, known as the Citizens' Alliance, composed of business men, preachers and minions of the law, Strenuous Teddy and his Dick military law, they will say so at the ballot box and not before.—The Referendum.

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